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Re application of:  
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For: ADENO-ASSOCIATED VIRUS  
VECTOR FOR BOOSTING  
IMMUNOGENICITY OF CELLS

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment prior to considering the application.

**THE AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4:

This application is a continuation-in part of U.S. Application No. 10/188,994, filed July 2, 2002, ~~now U. S. Patent No. 6,448,047~~; which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/685,408, filed October 9, 2000, now U. S. Patent No. 6,448,047; which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/142,443, filed May 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,597; which was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE97/00445, filed March 6, 1997; which claims the benefit of a German Application No. 196 08 751.1, filed March 6, 1996.